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Call for papers

For the 18th Biennial Conference of the Australasian Association for Euro-Asian Studies (AAEAS)

‘From Chaos to Order: Negotiating Multipolarity and Diversity in Eurasia’

hosted by the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies (the Middle East and Central Asia) at the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

28-29 January 2027

The AAEAS biennial Conference brings together scholars from area studies, political science, international relations, economics, history, sociology, anthropology, cultural studies, linguistics and cognate disciplines to discuss all aspects of life in the supercontinent of Eurasia.

The Conference’s 18th iteration invites participants to reflect on how state and non-state actors inside Eurasia have adapted to challenging conditions and learned how to survive and prosper.

In 1997, a prominent US political scientist and former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski famously predicted that without Washington’s leadership the bulk of Eurasia will indefinitely remain a geopolitical black hole mired in bloodshed, violence and state failure. Three decades on, and despite American hegemony going into relative decline, this part of the world has defied the gloom and displayed infinite resourcefulness and creativity in finding solutions to the problems of governance, security, economic development, national identity and environment. Some of these solutions may seem at loggerheads with the universal West-centric recipes which does not necessarily render them ineffective. It is important we study the ways in which local actors make sense of Eurasia’s past, present and future and envision their place in a polycentric world order.

The Conference invites submissions for panels, roundtables, and individual papers related to its central theme, as well as on other topics relevant to Eurasia. The Conference Programme Committee will consider all proposals; however, full panel proposals are encouraged.

Keynote address:

‘Strategic Silence in Eurasia: Subtle Resistance and the Reconfiguration of Power’

Professor Timur Dadabaev, Director of the Special Program for Japanese and Eurasian Studies at the University of Tsukuba, Japan, and Swedish Research Council Guest Professor at Lund University. He is also concurrently Professor of International Relations and the Vice Rector for Research and Innovation at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan.

Submission of proposals

Please submit paper abstracts or panel proposals of up to 250 words with your name, title and affiliation to AAEAS2027@anu.edu.au by **25 September 2026**. The organisers expect to inform participants of the acceptance of their panel proposals and papers by **12 October 2026**.

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline	- 25 September 2026
Panel and abstract acceptance notification issued	- 12 October 2026
Registration deadline for participants' names to appear in the conference program	- 10 December 2026

Conference Registration Fees

Standard	A\$170	AAEAS members	A\$120
PG students (non-AAEAS members)	A\$85	PG students (AAEAS members)	A\$60

Important notes

- 1) This is an exclusively face-to-face, on campus event with no virtual presentations; the conference aims to foster academic discussion and networking through extensive live interactions among participants.
- 2) At the conference, the host will cover morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on both days. Participants will cover their own travelling and local lodging as well as the conference dinner.
- 3) We welcome expressions of interest among all participants to serve as panel chairs. Please send your EoI together with your paper/panel proposal submission.
- 4) Publications: the authors of selected papers presented at the conference will be invited to publish them in special journal issues or an edited book.
- 5) Two PhD student paper awards will be announced at the end of the conference.

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